

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted a modified open rule providing one hour of debate on H.J. Res. 631, making further continuing appropriations and providing for productive employment for the fiscal year 1983. Testimony was heard from Chairman Whitten and Representatives Fazio, Edwards of California, Brown of California, Edgar, Markey, Simon, Tauzin, Wyden, Dorgan, Conte, Coughlin, Leach, Craig and Schneider.

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Tuesday, December 14, 1982

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 30613-30842

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3097-3101, and S. Res. 514-515.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 3074, to increase minimum loan rates and require acreage limitation and paid land diversion programs for the 1983, 1984, and 1985 crops of wheat, feed grains, upland cotton, and rice, and to develop export markets for U.S. agricultural commodities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 498, prohibiting the sale of the U.S. Custom House at Bowling Green, in New York City.

S. Res. 514, ordering a space needs study of Social Security Data Processing Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, including a site survey for proposed relocation thereof.

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Measures Passed:

Honoraria Income of Senators: By 54 yeas to 38 nays, Senate agreed to S. Res. 512, repealing rule XXXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate relating to honoraria income for Members of the Senate.

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Relief from Natural Gas Prices: By 90 yeas to 3 nays, Senate agreed to S. Res. 515, relating to the need to provide the Nation's natural gas consumers with immediate and long-term relief from rapidly increasing natural gas prices, by taking a number of actions to reduce or restrain such price increases, and by providing financial assistance to low-income consumers of natural gas.

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Department of the Interior Appropriations, 1983: By 84 yeas to 9 nays, Senate passed H.R. 7356, appropriating funds for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending Sep-

tember 30, 1983, after taking action on additional amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

(1) McClure modified unprinted amendment No. 1433, that, except for certain described lands, none of the funds provided in the Act shall be obligated for any aspect of the processing or issuance of permits or leases pertaining to exploration for or development of coal, oil, gas, oil shale, phosphate, potassium, sulphur, gilsonite, or geothermal resources on Federal lands with any component of the National Wilderness Preservation System or within any Forest Service RARE II areas recommended for wilderness designation or allocated to further planning; that nothing in the section shall prohibit the expenditures of funds for any aspect of the processing or issuance of permits pertaining to exploration for or development of the mineral resources described; that funds provided in the Act may be used by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of the Interior to issue under their existing authority such permits as may be necessary to conduct prospecting, seismic surveys, and core sampling conducted by helicopter or other means not requiring construction of roads or improvement of existing roads or ways, for the purpose of gathering information about and inventorying energy, mineral, and other resource values of such area, if such activity is carried out in a manner compatible with the preservation of the wilderness environment; that the seismic activities involving the use of explosives shall not be permitted in designated wilderness areas; and that funds provided in the Act may be used by the Secretary of the Interior to augment recurring surveys of the mineral values of wilderness areas and acquire information on other national forest and public land areas withdrawn pursuant to the Act, by conducting, in conjunction with the Secretary of Energy, the national laboratories, or other Federal agencies, as appropriate, such mineral inventories or areas withdrawn as he deems appropriate.

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(2) McClure unprinted amendment No. 1434, of a technical and conforming nature.

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(3) Helms-East unprinted amendment No. 1435, providing funds for the operation of the Pisgah Forest National Fish Hatchery through September 30, 1983.

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(4) Durenberger unprinted amendment No. 1437, providing funds to carry out the study of the Study Committee established pursuant to Public Law 96-607 (94 Stat. 3542).

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(5) Melcher unprinted amendment No. 1438 (to McClure modified unprinted amendment No. 1433) in the nature of a substitute.

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(6) Armstrong unprinted amendment No. 1439, providing that the Secretary of the Interior may, within the State of Colorado, lease to the holder of the Federal oil shale lease known as Federal Prototype Tract C-a additional lands necessary for the disposal of oil shale wastes and the materials removed from mined lands, and for the building of plants, reduction works, and other facilities connected with oil shale operations; that the Secretary may only issue one offsite lease of not more than 320 acres to any person, association or corporation which has the right to develop oil shale on non-Federal lands; that the Secretary may issue offsite leases after consideration of the need for such lands, impacts on the environment and other resource values, and upon a determination that the public interest will be served thereby; and that the Secretary may issue an offsite lease after consideration of (a) the need for leasing, (b) impacts on the environment and other resource values, (c) socioeconomic factors, and (d) information from consultations with the Governors of the affected States.

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Rejected:

By 47 yeas to 48 nays, Bumpers unprinted amendment No. 1436, to delete \$2.13 million from the Bureau of Land Management's coal leasing program.

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Senate insisted on its amendments, requested a conference with the House thereon, and appointed as conferees Senators McClure, Stevens, Laxalt, Garn, Schmitt, Cochran, Andrews, Rudman, Hatfield, Robert C. Byrd, Johnston, Huddleston, Leahy, DeConcini, Burdick, Bumpers, and Proxmire.

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Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 6211, authorizing funds through fiscal year ending September 30, 1989, to improve the Nation's highway system, and to restructure the current taxes that go into the highway trust fund, withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages 30643, 30685, 30763, 30775, 30804

Rejected:

(1) By 44 yeas to 53 nays, Robert C. Byrd unprinted amendment No. 1441, to modify the third-year tax cut for individuals with taxable income over \$50,000.

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(2) By 40 yeas to 54 nays, Bentsen unprinted amendment No. 1443 (to Bentsen unprinted amendment No. 1442), to modify the third-year tax cut by changing the effect date to April 1, 1983, to defer 5

percent of the tax cut until there is no deficit in the annual Federal Budget. (Bentsen unprinted amendment No. 1442 was subsequently withdrawn.)

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(3) Kassebaum unprinted amendment No. 1444, to amend the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978. (By 56 yeas to 38 nays, Senate tabled division 1 of the amendment, dealing with take-or-pay clauses. By 62 yeas to 33 nays, Senate tabled division 2 of the amendment, dealing with a price freeze of natural gas.)

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A motion to close further debate on unprinted amendment No. 1440 (printed Amendment No. 4998) was entered and, in accordance with Senate Rule XXII, vote on such motion will occur on Thursday, December 16.

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A motion to close further debate on the bill (H.R. 6211) was entered and, in accordance with Senate Rule XXII, vote on such motion will also occur on Thursday, December 16.

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Pending:

(1) Baker unprinted amendment No. 1440 (printed Amendment No. 4998), in the nature of a substitute for the bill.

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(2) Metzenbaum unprinted amendment No. 1446 (printed Amendment No. 5008), to provide that only steel manufactured in the United States is used in the construction of highways.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill and amendments proposed thereto on Wednesday, December 15.

Justice Assistance Act of 1982: By unanimous consent, in the engrossment of the Senate amendments to H.R. 4481, authorizing funds through fiscal year 1986 for Federal criminal justice assistance to aid State and local law enforcement efforts, the following amendments were considered as having been agreed to prior to third reading:

(1) Creating a Federal offense for robbery of a pharmacy;

(2) Providing Federal criminal penalties for tampering with food, drugs and cosmetics;

(3) Establishing a Federal offense for a continuing career of robberies or burglaries; and

(4) Making improvements in laws relating to violent crime and illegal drugs.

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Losses Due to Ban on Use of Tris: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 823, providing for the payment of losses incurred as a result of the ban on the use of the chemical tris in certain fabrics.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

William T. Dillard III, of Tennessee, to be U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Florida.

One Navy nomination in the rank of Admiral.

Routine list of Public Health Service nominations.

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Messages From the President:

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Committee Authority To Meet:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—411)

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30771, 30775, 30793, 30798, 30804

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed on Wednesday, December 15, at 1:29 a.m., to reconvene at 10 a.m., the same day. (For Senate's program, see remarks of Senator Baker in today's Record at page 30843.)

Committee Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nomination of W. Paul Thayer, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense;

An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee through February 28, 1983 for the training of professional staff; and

3,119 routine nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

Prior to this action, the committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Mr. Thayer, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Tower and Bentsen, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Diane K. Morales, of Texas, to be a Member of the Civil Aeronautics Board, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

U.S. SENATE PRODUCTIVITY AWARD

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee approved for reporting S. Res. 503, to

establish the United States Senate Productivity Award.

MOTOR CARRIER ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Motor Carrier Act (P.L. 96-296), focusing on the impact of the act on the trucking industry, labor, shippers, and consumers, after receiving testimony from Charles Swinburn, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Policy and International Affairs, and Edward H. Rastatter, Chief, Regulatory Policy Division, Department of Transportation; Reese H. Taylor, Jr., chairman, Interstate Commerce Commission; Irwin H. Silberman, Irwin H. Silberman Associates, Potomac, Maryland, and Nelson J. Cooney, both representing the American Trucking Association; and Donald Kuster, Ken Bowers, and John Dolan, all of the National Industrial Transportation League, Richard D. Henderson and John DeVerno, both on behalf of the Private Truck Council of America, Inc., and Robert J. Gallagher, Transportation Brokers Conference of America, all of Washington, D.C.

WATER RESOURCES AND SCENIC RIVERS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Reserved Water concluded hearings on the following bills:

S. 3060, extending Federal protections to certain wild and scenic study rivers, after receiving testimony from Senator Hatfield; and Christopher Brown, American Rivers Conservation Council, Washington, D.C.; and

S. 2811, extending certain restrictions of water resource project construction for one year on the Tuolumne River, California, after receiving testimony from Senators Hayakawa and Cranston; Richard Lehman, Representative-Elect; Gerald H. Meral, California Department of Water Resources, and Robert P. Will, Association of California Water Agencies, both of Sacramento; John Amodio, Tuolumne Preservation Trust, San Francisco, California; Dick Linford, Tuolumne River Expeditions/Echo River Company, Oakland, California; Philip Short, Turlock Irrigation District, Turlock, California; Ernest Geddes, representing the Modesto Irrigation District, Modesto, California; and Christopher Brown, American Rivers Conservation Council, Washington, D.C.

Testimony was also received on both the aforementioned bills from Gary E. Cargill, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and David G. Wright, Chief, Office of Park Planning and Environ-

mental Quality, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS— MODIFICATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 7159, allowing modifications of certain effluent limitations relating to biochemical oxygen demand and pH with regard to two pulp mills in the State of California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill S. 3107 authorizing funds for fiscal year ending September 30, 1983 for the Board for International Broadcasting, in lieu of S. 3052;

An original resolution waiving section 402(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of the aforementioned original bill;

S. Con. Res. 126, calling upon the United States Government to support the people of Afghanistan with material assistance in their struggle to be free from foreign domination;

S. Con. Res. 46, expressing the sense of the Congress with regard to the mutual security efforts of the United States and Japan, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3066, requiring that any future Presidential certification for aid to El Salvador must include a determination that the Government of El Salvador has made good faith efforts to investigate the murders of six U.S. citizens, and to bring to justice all those responsible; and

The nominations of Paul D. Wolfowitz, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, and Richard Fairbanks, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador while serving as Special Adviser to the Secretary of State.

U.S. STRATEGIC DOCTRINE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings on U.S. strategic doctrine, focusing on the strategic, foreign policy and arms control implications of the Peacekeeper missile in a closely spaced basing deployment, receiving testimony from Caspar W. Weinberger, Secretary of Defense, Richard D. DeLauer, Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, and Ronald F. Lehman, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategic and Theater Nuclear Force Policy.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee approved for reporting the nominations of Geoffrey M. Alprin and Virginia L. Riley, each to be an Asso-

ciate Judge for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community, and held a closed business meeting on pending business items, but made no announcements, and recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 7414-7421; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 434, and H. Res. 627 and 628 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Report entitled "Investigation Pursuant to House Resolution 518 Concerning Alleged Improper or Illegal Sexual Conduct, Alleged Illicit Use or Distribution of Drugs, and Alleged Preferential Treatment of House Employees By Members, Officers, or Employees of the House" by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct (H. Rept. 97-965);

H. Res. 628, providing for the consideration of S. 1964, to designate certain lands in the Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri, which comprise about seventeen thousand five hundred and sixty-two acres, and known as the Irish Wilderness, as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System (H. Rept. 97-966); and

H. Res. 621, amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to establish an office for the bicentennial of the House of Representatives (H. Rept. 97-967).

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Virgin Islands Revenue: House agreed, with an amendment, to Senate amendment numbered 1; and disagreed to Senate amendments numbered 2, 3, and 4 to H.R. 7093, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to reduce the rate of certain taxes paid to the Virgin Islands on Virgin Islands source income—returning the measure to the Senate. Agreed to the Senate amendment to the title.

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Drugs for Rare Diseases: House agreed to the amendment of the Senate with an amendment to H.R. 5238, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to facilitate the development of drugs for rare diseases and conditions—returning the measure to the Senate.

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Continuing Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 204 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 451, the House passed H.J. Res. 631, making further continuing appropriations and providing for productive employment for fiscal year 1983.

Rejected a motion to recommit the resolution to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the resolution back to the House forthwith with title II stricken and \$44 million funding for Radio Liberty of the Voice of America (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 191 yeas to 215 nays, Roll No. 450).

Agreed To:

An amendment that requires that at least fifty percent of the Agency for International Development bilateral assistance funds must be used to finance projects which directly benefit the "truly poor" (agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 yeas to 184 noes, Roll No. 444);

An amendment that allows individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income payments to receive assistance from private non-profit organizations or public utilities without having their SSI benefits reduced or eliminated as a result of the assistance;

An amendment that establishes a new cap on salaries of Members of Congress at \$69,800 per year (agreed to by a recorded vote of 303 yeas to 109 noes, Roll No. 445);

An amendment that deletes all funds provided by the resolution for the Clinch River Breeder Reactor, except those for termination costs (agreed to by a recorded vote of 217 yeas to 196 noes, Roll No. 447);

An amendment that prohibits any expenditure for the Bureau of Reclamation's O'Neill Irrigation Unit in Nebraska (agreed to by a recorded vote of 245 yeas to 144 noes, Roll No. 448); and

An amendment that deletes all funds provided by the resolution for the Garrison Diversion water project in North Dakota (agreed to by a recorded vote of 252 yeas to 152 noes, Roll No. 449).

Rejected an amendment that sought to continue the current cap on salaries of Members of Congress at \$60,662 per year (rejected by a recorded vote of 208 yeas to 208 noes, Roll No. 446).

An amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to increase the funding for the Peace Corps by \$25 million.

H. Res. 626, the rule under which the resolution was considered, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 443.

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Adjournment: By a yea-and-nay vote of 122 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 452, the House rejected a motion to adjourn.

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Suspensions: House voted to suspend the rules and take the following actions:

Effigy Mounds National Monument: Passed S. 1661, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain lands by exchange for an addition to Effigy Mounds National Monument in the State of Iowa;

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Voyageurs National Park: Agreed to the amendments of the Senate numbered 2 and 3 to the amendment of the House to S. 625, to revise the boundary of Voyageurs National Park in the State of Minnesota; and agreed to the Senate amendment numbered 1 to the amendment of the House with an amendment—returning the measure to the Senate; and

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Educational mining: Passed S. 1501, amended, entitled the "Educational Mining Act of 1982".

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Suspensions—Votes Postponed: House completed all debate on motions to suspend the rules and pass the following bills, on which votes were postponed until Wednesday, December 15:

Oregon National Forest lands: H.R. 7340, amended, to designate certain National Forest System lands in the State of Oregon for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System; and

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Paddy Creek Wilderness: S. 1965, to designate certain lands in the Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri, which comprise approximately six thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight acres, and which are generally depicted on a map entitled "Paddy Creek Wilderness Area", as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

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Adjournment: Met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 12:14 a.m., December 15.

Committee Meetings

INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING

Committee on Armed Services: Met in executive session to receive a classified intelligence briefing. The Committee was briefed by representatives of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

REPROGRAMMINGS

Committee on Armed Services: Approved two reprogrammings.

Prior to this action, the Committee held a hearing on pending reprogrammings. Testimony was heard from Brig. Gen. Richard D. Kenyon, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development and Acquisition, Department of the Army.

ENTITLEMENT POLICY-MAKING

Committee on the Budget: Task Force on Entitlements, Uncontrollables, and Indexing held a hearing on Entitlement Policy-Making: Assessing State and Federal Data Programs. Testimony was heard from Linda McMahon, Associate Commissioner for Family Assistance, Social Security Administration, Department of Health and Human Services and public witnesses.

EPA CONTEMPT CITATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations approved for full Committee action a resolution recommending that the Administrator of EPA be cited for contempt of Congress.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency: Withholding of Superfund files. Testimony was heard from Ann McGill Gorsuch, Administrator, EPA.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 7367, to amend the Board for International Broadcasting Act of 1973 to authorize additional appropriations for fiscal year 1983; H.R. 7351, to provide for the distribution within the United States of the U.S. Information Agency film entitled "Dumas Malone: A Journey with Mr. Jefferson"; H. Con. Res. 425, amended, to express the sense of the Congress concerning Americans missing in action in Laos; H. Con. Res. 86, amended, to establish a Special Committee on Advisory Opinions from the World Court; a clean resolution to be introduced in lieu of H. Con. Res. 433, condemning all forms of religious persecution and discrimination as a violation of human rights; H.R. 7323, with regard to Presidential certifications on conditions in El Salvador; H. Con. Res. 423, expressing the full support of the Congress for the Republic of Costa Rica and its democratic institutions as that country responds to the current economic crisis, and for Costa Rica's efforts to contribute to the peaceful resolution of conflicts in Central America; and H.R. 6032, amended, Nuclear Nonproliferation Policy Act of 1982.

NARCOTICS SITUATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs held a hearing to review the Attorney General's trip to Asia in regards to the narcotics situation. Testimony was heard from William French Smith, Attorney General.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Organizations con-

cluded hearings on religious persecution as a violation of human rights, Part IX, National and International Remedies. Testimony was heard from Tom Johnson, U.S. Mission to the United Nations, U.N. Economic and Social Council and public witnesses.

U.S.-CUBAN RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade and the Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs held a hearing on Issues in U.S.-Cuban Relations. Testimony was heard from Thomas O. Enders, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs and public witnesses.

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties, and the Administration of Justice concluded oversight hearings on the Legal Services Corporation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Legal Services Corporation: Donald P. Bogard, President; William F. Harvey, Chairman, Board of Directors and William J. Olson, Member, Board of Directors.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on drug enforcement activities in Southeast Asia. Testimony was heard from Dominick L. DiCarlo, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics Matters, Department of State and Francis Mullen, Jr., Acting Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

EDA INITIATIVES

Committee on Public Works and Transportation: Subcommittee on Economic Development held a hearing to review EDA initiatives of this Administration that have occurred over the past fiscal year and to review plans and procedures for fiscal year 1983. Testimony was heard from Carlos C. Campbell, Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, Department of Commerce.

Hearings continue December 16.

EPA CAFETERIA

Committee on Public Works and Transportation: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight concluded hearings on the missing cafeteria at Waterside Mall for employees of EPA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAS: Joseph A. Sickon, Inspector General and Richard A. Haase, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service and James G. Mitchell, Associate Director, Procurement, Logistics, and Readiness Division, GAO.

IRISH WILDERNESS

Committee on Rules: Granted a modified open rule providing one hour of debate on S. 1964, to designate certain lands in the Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri, which comprise about seventeen thousand five hundred and sixty-two acres, and known as the Irish Wilderness, as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Testimony was heard from Representatives Seiberling, Volkmer, Lujan, Emerson, Young of Alaska and Bailey of Missouri.

OFFICE FOR THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on Rules: Ordered reported H. Res. 621, to amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to establish an Office for the Bicentennial of the House of Representatives. Testimony was heard from Representative Gingrich.

AERONAUTICS POLICY

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Transportation, Aviation and Materials held a hearing on Aeronautics Policy. Testimony was heard from Dr. Victor Reis, Assistant Director, National Security and Space, Office of Science and Technology Policy and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION: MEDICAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Hospitals and Health Care held a hearing on the Veterans' Administration medical construction program. Testimony was heard from Representatives Frenzel and Nelson; Robert Peterson, Senior Associate Director, Human Resources Division, GAO; Everett Alvarez, Jr., Deputy Administrator, VA and representatives of veterans' organizations.

REIMBURSEMENT OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing to examine proposals to provide medicare coverage of personal emergency response systems and proposals to provide direct reimbursement of services provided by mental health specialists. Testimony was heard from Representative Fithian; Don Young, Deputy Director, Bureau of Program Policy, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services and public witnesses.

Wednesday, December 15, 1982

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3103-3105, and S. Res. 516-517.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. Con. Res. 46, expressing the sense of the Congress with regard to the mutual security efforts of the United States and Japan, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Special report entitled "Final Report of the Select Committee to Study Undercover Activities of Components of the Department of Justice." (S. Rept. No. 97-682)

S. Res. 503, establishing a United States Senate Productivity Award.

H.J. Res. 631, making further continuing appropriations through September 30, 1983, for the Federal Government, with amendments.

S. 2998, declaring that the United States hold in trust certain lands in Nevada for the Las Vegas Paiute Indian Tribe, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 97-683)

H.R. 4496, clarifying the citizenship status of members of the Texas Band of Kickapoo Indians, providing for a reservation for the Texas Band of Kickapoo, and providing those services and benefits furnished to American Indian tribes and individuals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 97-684)

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Measures Passed:

Commission Executive Exchange Fee Authorization: Senate passed S. 3103, providing that participation fees, which the President's Commission on Executive Exchange may impose for private sector participation in its Executive Exchange Program, shall be collected and credited to the fund, and shall be available for the costs of education and related travel of exchanged executives, for printing, and in such amounts as may be specified in appropriations acts for entertainment expenses.

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Wyoming Wilderness Act of 1982: Senate passed S. 2118, designating certain lands in Wyoming as wilderness areas, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Select Committee To Study Law Enforcement Undercover Activities of Components of the Department